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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
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Multiple dependent claims	360	180

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Documents A, C and E, identified on form PTO/SB/08A, were cited in the parent U.S. Patent Application No. 09/403,834, which is now abandoned. Documents B, D, F, H, I, J, K and L identified on forms PTO/SB/08A&B are cited in one or both of European Search Reports for European Application No. EP 04 07 7560 and European Application No. EP 04 07 7561. Document G was submitted, in part, in a previously filed Information Disclosure Statement. However, Applicant prefers that the Examiner consider the entire document. Documents M and N identified on form PTO/SB/08B are copies of the European Search Reports for European Applications Nos. EP 04 07 7560 and EP 04 07 7561,

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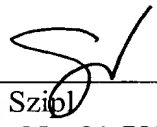
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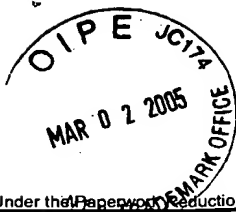
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Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ²
	H	MANNHEIM, R. et al. "Silicon brass: an alternative for lead-free faucets and fittings", English Abstract, 1998.	
	I	"ASM Specialty Handbook: Copper and Copper Alloys," ASM International, 2001, p. 545, Example C87800.	
	J	Patent Abstracts of Japan, English Abstract for JP 61-133357, 1986.	
	K	Patent Abstracts of Japan, English Abstract for JP 09-143598, 1997.	
	L	Patent Abstracts of Japan, English Abstract for JP 10-081926, 1998.	
	M	European Search Report for European Application No. EP 04 07 7560, dated November 18, 2004.	
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